MEMORANDUM.

DATE : March 7, 1997

SUBJ : New Bedford Harbor NPL Site

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TO: Bruce Means, Chairman, National Remedy Review Board

As we discussed, following receipt of the Remedy Review Board's recommendations last September, the Region made some changes to its original remedy proposal in the proposed plan which was issued to the public in November 1996. The original air monitoring program was scaled back in accordance with the Board's recommendations. The original dewatering/water treatment program was unchanged; after re-examining the Clean Water Act ARARs and the CERCLA ARAR waivers, we were unable to find any flexibility that would allow the treatment requirements to be scaled back. We are continuing to research this with various people in Headquarters.

Attached is Table 3 from the information package provided to the Board by the RPM. It shows a total remedy present worth cost of \$126,650,497. Also attached is a copy of the cover page of the proposed plan. It shows an estimated cost of \$116,000,000. Thus, the proposed remedy costs were reduced by approximately \$10,000,000. According to the RPM, the bulk of this "savings" was due to the reduction in the air monitoring program.

Table 3

COST ESTIMATE: ALTERNATIVE - 10 DREDGE/DISPOSE NEW BEDFORD HARBOR

		ACTI	COST	
l.	DIRE	CT CC A. B. C. D.	Dredging Dewater/Water Treatment	\$22,320,348 \$27,123,051 \$27,121,318 \$10,472,000
		TOTAL DIRECT COST (TDC)		\$87,036,717
II.	INDIF	RECT (A. B. C. D. E.	3 3 (-	\$4,351,836 \$8,703,672 \$8,703,672 \$8,703,672 \$13,055,508
	TOTAL INDIRECT COST (TIC)			\$43,518,359
SUBTOTAL COSTS				\$130,555,076
		CON	TINGENCY (@ 20% of TDC + TIC)	\$26,111,015
TOTAL CAPITAL COST				\$156,666,091
PRESENT WORTH - 1996 (@ 7% for 8 years)				\$116,937,529
O&M COST (CDFs) (Present Worth @ 7% for 30 years upon completion)				\$1,017,846
MONITORING PROGRAM (Present Worth @ 7% for 30 years)				\$8,695,122
TOTAL COST - ALTERNATIVE - 10				\$126,650,497